

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicants have cancelled claims 1-22 and have added claims 23-28. Accordingly, claims 23-28 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liang, et al. (US 6,314,147 hereinafter "Liang") in view of Ariyavitsakual (US 5,946,351 hereinafter as referred to by Examiner as "Referenced B.") Claims 1-22 have been canceled without prejudice rendering the rejection moot. New claims 23-28 have been drafted to overcome the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 23-28.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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